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Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge.

- Carl Sagan

IMR Director's Message

Salam Sejahtera!

Another year has dawned upon us as we hit the ground running at a steady pace.

This newsletter highlights key events with the start of the New Year, which includes a meeting of IMR Researchers with the Minister of Health and the Director General of Health at their offices at the Ministry of Health in Putrajaya. We were privileged to have the Deputy Chief Secretary-Administration (TKSU-P) of the Ministry of Health visit the IMR on 19 January 2018. A demonstration of the innovations by IMR Researchers was set up as an exhibition for his visit.

The baton is slowly being passed as our senior officers head for retirement. Dr. Amal Nasir attended his last IMR Heads of Centre meeting as the Head of Medical Research Resource Centre (MRRC) on 18 January. He officially retired on 31 January 2018 after having served exemplarily at the IMR for 25 years and 5 months. He has contributed much in public health research with epidemiology as his forte. He also worked tirelessly on the Inter-Islamic Network in Tropical Medicine (INTROM) activities.

I am happy to announce that IMR has secured regular monthly slots on TraXX FM radio RTM. Dr. Ravi appeared on the network on 24 January



2018 and spoke as the Head of Virology, IDRC.

The year's first *Perhimpunan Pagi* organised by CDNRC was held on 8 February, just a week before Chinese New Year, and so we symbolically did the Prosperity Toss also known as *lo hei* to welcome abundance, prosperity and vigor for the nation.

I wish all who will be celebrating a 'Happy Lunar New Year' and a safe and peaceful holiday to all IMR staff!

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YBMK and IMR Researchers with the MOH Food Division & MPOB on 8 January 2018

The SR on Oil Palm team presented the findings to YBMK who was pleased with the work done. He has advised the team to publish their findings and have continuous studies to produce clinical evidence. Congratulations to the SR team!

Presenters: Terence, Sophia and Dr. Ami with Dato' Fadzilah and Prof Lai (Consultant).



The IMR Team presented the IMR Transformation Strategic plan to the Director General of Health

IMR was given the mandate to transform and upscale the 118 year old institution into a renowned biomedical research institute in health priority needs and the country's STI policy. The Strategic Trusts comprises of four main pillars: Impactful Research, Precision Diagnostics, Capacity Building and Visibility. IMR will need to touch base not only with research peers but also the private sector, industries, universities and the public at large.

IMR has a role to play in inculcating in the public a **LOVE FOR RESEARCH** and contribute towards research.

KKM TKSU(P)'s visit to the IMR on 19 January 2018



Lawatan Kerja

Y.Bhg. Dato' Hasnol Zam Zam bin Ahmad
Timbalan Ketua Setiausaha (Pengurusan)
Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia (KKM)
Ke Institut Penyelidikan Perubatan (IMR)
19 Januari 2018 (Jumaat)





Dr. Ami Fazlin Syed Mohamed, Head of Herbal Medicine Research Centre explained the different types of monographs.



Dr. Fairuz Amran, Head of Bacteriology Unit, IDRC explained the test procedures related to detection of invasive mycoses using the MyFungi GeneChip.

IMR Researchers display their innovations to TKSU(P)



← Dr. Hussin Muhammad, Head of the Toxicology & Pharmacology Unit, HMRC explained research on reproductive toxicology.



← Dato' TKSU(P) examined the MyMAT, an innovation by the Entomology Unit, IDRC as explained by Dr. Nazni.



Dato' TKSU (P) was briefed on the Salt Iodate Micro-method to detect iodine in edible salt and the importance of iodine to foetus and child brain development by Ms. Husniza Hussain from the Nutrition Unit, CDNRC.



Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) Life Sciences & Medical Technology Division: Familiarisation Visit to IMR on 18 January 2018 at BM4 IMR



IMR Heads of Centre Meeting on 18 January 2018

Dr. Amal Nasir's last meeting as the Head of Medical Research Resource Centre (MRRRC). He retired on 31 January 2018 after having served exemplarily at the IMR for 25 years and 5 months.





IMR succeeded in attaining GLP compliance for an two additional years until February 2020. Congratulations to the IMR GLP Team!

TraXX FM series: 'Talk about your research'



↑ Dr. Ravindran Thayan, Head of Virology Unit, IDRC spoke on 'Zika virus in Malaysia. What is of concern to you?' on 24 January 2018.

← Dr. Ravi with En. Habibullah, the producer.

PERHIMPUNAN BULANAN IMR

8 Feb 2018 (Khamis)
Auditorium Ungku Omar
9.00-12.00

Anjuran CDNRC



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MAJLIS AMANAT TAHUN BARU 2018 PENGARAH IMR

TARIKH : 08 FEBRUARI 2018
TEMPAT : AUDITORIUM UNGKU OMAR, IMR

ATURCARA MAJLIS

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|------------|---|
| 09.00am : | Pendaftaran dan ketibaan
Warga IMR dan Pengurusan Tertinggi |
| 09.30am : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ketibaan YBhg. Dato' Dr. Fadzilah Binti Kamaludin, Pengarah IMR • Nyanyian Lagu Negaraku • Bacaan Doa • Bacaan Ikrar Penjawat Awam |
| 09.45am : | Pengumuman Anggota Bertukar
Masuk dan Lantikan Baru |
| 10.00 am : | Tayangan Montaj Pusat CDNRC/NMCRC |
| 10.10 am : | Ucapan dan Amanat
YBhg. Dato' Dr. Fadzilah Kamaludin,
Pengarah IMR |
| 10.45 am : | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penyampaian Sijil Berhenti Merokok • Persembahan Koir |
| 11.00 am : | Taklimat AKPK- Pengurusan Kewangan dan
Kredit Yang Baik |
| 12.00pm : | Bersurai |

Anjuran : Pusat CDNRC





IMR showcased its current groundbreaking achievements by its top researchers in biomedical research to attract Malaysia's young talent in conjunction with JPA's outstanding scholar session.

The IMR Researchers met YBhg. Tan Sri KSN (Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia) at the Malaysia Agro Exposition Park Serdang (MAEPS) on 13 February 2018.



YBhg. Tan Sri KSN with IMR Researchers at MAEPS

